

Dear Kay,

6/7/80

While there is no immediate prospect of my being able to get back to writing I do hope to and in coring accross a draft I did long ago I find I had a gap left for the addition of a description of Judge Battle. He died before my first trip to Memphis. If you can provide copies of the obits and other stories that say what is significant about him and his career I'd appreciate it and they would add to the value of the archive I'm leaving and already established. I've heard he was once fatter, had been a heavy drinker, reformed and got (or got more intense) religion, and had been in the DA's office, I do not recall in what capacity. I'm trying to remember the name of one of those prosecutions that went to the Supreme Court, where he kept a prisoner under lights and for 36 hours read the bible to him until he confessed. (Reversed.)

Most of my time is taken up with FOIA work and reading records and filing appeals. As a result of these activities I've established precedents and refined some previously set and I've gotten many records. In the past two months significant victories in the appeals court but I rather suspect that if only to waste me these will be appealed, either for an en banc review of to SC as a petition cert.

I do not recall a single badmouthing of you in the FBI records I've read, at least where the name was not withheld. (At least one of the nasty matters appears to have been about Jan Scudder, with the name withheld, when she was on the papers there, I'm not now sure whether still in Greenville or after going to Memphis.)

They had several grades of reportorial relationship, often exaggerated. <sup>The</sup> ~~the~~ highest is "SAC contact." You were not so classified.

With the exception of what I took to refer to Jan I recall nothing nasty about any of the reporters or higher-ups

Hope you are well and happy. I'm making out, although I suffered arterial impairments after I was last there. They slow me down a bit more.

Please give my best wishes to those I knew.

Thanks and best to you,